

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1083

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A RESOLUTION To confirm the appointment of William O. Shults to the Claims Commission for the Eastern Division of Tennessee

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-301(a), provides that the Tennessee Claims Commission shall consist of three members, one from each grand division of the state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(e) provides that a vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a qualified person appointed by the Governor with the consent of both houses of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy was created in the Eastern Division with the resignation of Commissioner Vance Cheek, Jr., whose term of office was to expire on June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen has appointed Mr. William O. Shults of Newport, Tennessee, to serve the remaining term of office representing the Eastern Division of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults graduated with honors from Rhodes College, received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from C.C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, and received a Certificate of Advanced Study in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults began his professional career as a clerk to the Honorable C.S. Carney, Chief Judge for the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Following his clerkship, Mr. Shults practiced law in Newport, Tennessee before serving as Staff Counsel to the Chairman of the

National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., and then serving as a member of the legal department of the United Mine Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults currently practices law in Newport, Tennessee, with an emphasis on civil litigation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults has demonstrated his civic leadership by serving on the Board of Directors of the East Tennessee Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shults's educational and professional experience and legal expertise would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee Claims Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(a), provides that all commissioners appointed to the Tennessee Claims Commission by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by both houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby confirm the appointment of William O. Shults of Newport, Tennessee, to the remainder of the eight (8) year term on the Claims Commission for the Eastern Division of Tennessee, such term to expire on June 30, 2009.